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In re Application of
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Application No.: 10/507,363
PCT No.: PCT/JP02/02805
Int. Filing Date: 22 March 2002
Priority Date: None
Attorney Docket No.: 259036US3PCT
For: SEAT BELT RETRACTOR

DECISION ON SUBMISSION

This application is before the PCT Legal Office for consideration of matters arising under 35 U.S.C. 371.

BACKGROUND

On 20 September 2004, applicants filed a transmittal letter concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371 accompanied by the basic national fee and an executed declaration.

On 14 April 2005, a Notification of Missing Requirements was mailed to applicants indicating that an oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) & (b) was required. The Notification indicated that the third inventor's first name is different than that on the published international application.

On 27 May 2005, applicants filed a Response to the Notification of Missing Requirements along with a declaration of the third inventor. The published international application identified the third inventor as Humihiko Shinoda. The declaration identified the third inventor as Fumihiko Shinoda and was executed as Fumihiko Shinoda.

DISCUSSION

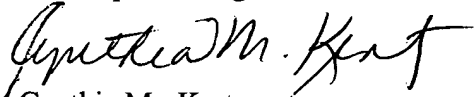
A review of the application file reveals that the given name of the applicant is listed in the international application as "Humihiko Shinoda"; however, the declaration is signed by "Fumihiko Shinoda". Inventor Shinoda explains in a declaration that the first name misspelling occurred due to "an error in translation". The correction of a transliteration error in the first name of inventor Fumihiko Shinoda is accepted and noted in the record.

The declaration executed by the inventors is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) and thus, satisfies the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4) for entrance into the national stage in the United States.

CONCLUSION

The declaration of inventors submitted by applicants on 20 September 2004 is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b).

The application will be forwarded to the United States Designated/Elected Office for further processing. The 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) date is **20 September 2004**.



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